account of the increased work there, we had to withdraw all the Police orderlies and the Government were requested to sanction peons for the Magistrates.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulankunnathkavu):* May I know whether it was not possible to recruit further Police constables and send them as orderlies?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was not thought to be necessary. In British India no orderlies are given to the Magistrates. The practice was prevalent only here and considering the increase in the work, they had to be withdrawn here.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the number of orderlies given to the Magistrates ?

Khan Sahib Muhammad Habibuddin Siddhiki Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* One to each Magistrate.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Will the Government note that the Magistrates in British India are clerk-grown Magistrates but here they are B.A., B.Ls, mostly fresh from the College.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Am I correct in thinking that there are not more than six Magistrates.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* There are eight Magistrates.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* On the anology of the British Magistrates, may I know whether the British Magistrates have not got revenue functions also ?

Mr. President : Order, order. Matters of that sort are not within the knowledge of this Government.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* It was brought to the notice of this House by the Commissioner of Police.

Mr. President : Not by the Government.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* The Commissioner of Police, as the representative of the Government of the State notified to this House that it is on the anology of that practice obtaining in Madras. I further seek to enquire, Sir, with your permission, whether the Sub-Magistrates in Madras Presidency are also not Revenue Officers, discharging the duties of Tahsildars ?

Mr. President : I still answer that these matters are not within the knowledge of this Government.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I seek to know whether that anology should have been drawn as regards the Magistrates of this State. If comparison is not permissible, what was the reason to vie our Magistrate with those in Madras and deprive them of their Police orderlies.

Mr. President : The Commissioner of Police answered that question that the need for Policemen in Police Stations was so urgent that these particular orderlies had to be withdrawn. I may add to the answers which have been given that the training of a policeman is long and expensive and it is regarded as unnecessary that an officer who has had such a long and expensive training should be posted to do the duties of an orderly in a Magistrate's Court. His duties in the Magistrate's Court can equally well be discharged by a person who has not had this long and expensive training.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether it is the position of the Government that the purpose that was being served by the orderlies to the Magistrates will be served by personal peons ? Is that the position of the Government ?

Mr. President : Yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know Sir,.....

Mr. President : Order, order. The question is over.

Voting of Demands for Grants— *(cont.)*

3. Village Panchayats—Rs. 4,19,428

Mr. T. K Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I move for an allotment of Rs. 4,19,428 under "3-Village Panchayats".

Cut Motion No. 5

Village Panchayats working under the Minister

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* Sir my motion is "to reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,19,428 for Village Panchayats by Re. 1" *to discuss the working of the Village Panchayats under the Hon'ble Minister.* When the Panchayat was first instituted it was under the Diwan

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